

10 a third display portion displayed concurrently with the first display portion and the  
11 second display portion to produce the GUI, the third display portion including a plurality of  
12 recorder control boxes each adapted to control a corresponding one or more of a plurality of  
13 recorder tracks of associated with each of the at least one plurality of audio processing modules.

1 24. (Currently Amended) The GUI of Claim 23, wherein one each of the plurality of  
2 control boxes including at least one selection button that, when selected, performs a  
3 predetermined function on two or more of the plurality of tracks concurrently corresponds to an  
4 assigned function and assigned one of the tracks and wherein the control box is selectable to  
5 transmit a control command to an audio processing module having the one of the tracks to  
6 perform the assigned function.

1 25. (Currently Amended) The GUI of Claim 2423, wherein the the first display  
2 portion comprises a record button of a specific track and wherein the record button is selectable  
3 to transmit a record command to an audio processing module having the specific track to cause  
4 the specific track to record an audio sound.

1 26. (Currently Amended) The GUI of Claim 23, wherein the central control  
2 mechanism is selectable to transmit a global control command associated with the central control  
3 mechanism to the plurality of at least one audio processing modules to perform a function  
4 assigned to the global control command.

1 27. (Currently Amended) The GUI of Claim 23, wherein the second first display  
2 portion further comprises a scroll bar that provides access to the plurality of control boxes that  
3 are loaded into the player/recorder system but are not visible on a screen displaying the GUI  
4 global play button selectable to control the tracks of the audio processing modules.

1 28. (Currently Amended) The GUI of Claim 247, wherein the selection button mutes  
2 at least two player tracks of the plurality of player tracks after the plurality of player tracks start  
3 playing global play button is selectable to transmit a global play command to the plurality of  
4 audio processing modules to cause all the tracks to each play an audio sound.

F2 1 29. (Currently Amended) The GUI of Claim 23, wherein the second display portion  
cont 2 includes a global stop button to control the tracks of the at least one audio processing modules.

1 30. (Original) The GUI of Claim 23, wherein the first display portion further  
2 comprises a single audio processing module control box into which all of the control boxes of a  
3 particular audio processing module can selectively be collapsed.

1 31. (Cancelled)

1 32. (Currently Amended) In a player/recorder system having a plurality of audio  
2 processing modules each having one or more tracks and each connected to a computer system  
3 having a processor and a display, a graphical user interface method of centrally controlling each  
4 of the one or more tracks of the plurality of audio processing modules, the method comprising:

5 generating a first display portion on the display by the processor, the first display portion  
6 including a plurality of player control boxes each adapted to control a corresponding at least  
7 ~~one or more of a plurality of player tracks of each of the plurality of an~~ audio processing modules  
8 of the plurality of audio processing modules;

9 generating a second display portion on the display by the processor, the second display  
10 portion including a central control mechanism for simultaneously controlling all of the plurality  
11 of tracks of each of the plurality of audio processing modules; and

12 generating a third display portion on the display concurrently with the first display  
13 portion and the second display portion, the third display portion including a plurality of recorder  
14 control boxes each adapted to control a corresponding one or more of a plurality of at least one  
15 ~~recorder tracks of an each of the plurality of audio processing modules of the plurality of audio~~  
16 processing modules.

1 33. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 32, further comprising:  
F4 2 selecting one of the player control boxes corresponding to one of the plurality of player  
3 tracks;

4 transmitting a control command associated with the one of the player control boxes from  
5 the computer system to ~~an~~ determined audio processing module having the one of the tracks; and

6 performing a function assigned to the control command at the determined audio  
7 processing module.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 32, further comprising:  
selecting a record button of a specific recorder track of the at least one recorder tracks;  
transmitting a record command from the computer system to ~~an-an~~ audio processing  
e having the specific recorder track; and  
causing the specific recorder track to record an audio sound by the audio processing  
e

1        35. (Original) The method of Claim 32 further comprising:  
2        selecting the central control mechanism;  
3        transmitting a global control command associated with the central control mechanism  
4        from the computer system to the plurality of audio processing modules; and  
5        each audio processing module, performing a function assigned to the global control  
6        command by the audio processing module.

1           36. (Original) The method of Claim 32 wherein the central control mechanism  
2 comprises a global play command for simultaneously controlling all of the loaded player tracks  
3 of the plurality of tracks of the audio processing modules and wherein the method further  
4 comprises:

5 selecting the global play command;  
6 transmitting the global play command from the computer system to the plurality of audio  
7 processing modules; and  
8 each audio processing module, causing all the loaded player tracks to each play an audio  
9 sound.

1           37. (Original) The method of Claim 32, wherein the central control mechanism  
2 comprises a global stop command for simultaneously controlling all of the loaded tracks of the  
3 plurality of audio tracks of the audio processing modules and wherein the method further  
4 comprises:

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6                   transmitting the global stop command from the computer system to the plurality of audio  
7 processing modules; and  
8                   each audio processing module, causing all the loaded tracks to each stop any play or  
9 record activity.

1               38. (Original) The method of Claim 33:  
2                   wherein each audio processing modules has one or more input/output ("I/O") channels  
3 each connected to the computer system;  
4                   wherein the control boxes control a corresponding one or more I/O channels of the  
5 plurality of audio processing modules;  
6                   wherein transmitting the control command comprises transmitting the control command  
7 from the computer system to the audio processing module having the I/O channel corresponding  
8 to the specified control box; and  
9                   wherein performing a function comprises performing a task assigned to the control  
10 command by the audio processing module with respect to the I/O channel.

1               39. (Original) The method of Claim 35:  
2                   wherein each audio processing module has one or more input/output ("I/O") channels  
3 each connected to the computer system;  
4                   wherein the central control mechanism controls all of the one or more I/O channels of the  
5 plurality of audio processing modules;  
6                   wherein transmitting the global command comprises global control command associated  
7 with the central control mechanism from the computer system to the plurality of audio  
8 processing modules; and  
9                   wherein performing a function comprises performing a task assigned to the global  
10 command by each audio processing module with respect to all of the I/O channels.

1               40. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for controlling a plurality of audio processing  
2 modules in a player/recorder system, each of the plurality of audio processing modules having  
3 one or more input/output ("I/O") channels, the apparatus comprising:  
4                   a display;

5 a storage device containing routines to control the audio processing modules and generate  
6 displays;

7 an interface to the I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules; and  
8 a processor coupled to the storage device to produce

9 F 5 10 a first display portion of a graphical user interface including displaying a plurality  
11 of control boxes that are adapted to control corresponding player I/O channels of the  
12 plurality of audio processing modules;

13 cont 11 a second display portion of the graphical user interface, the second display portion  
14 including displaying a central control mechanism to that is adapted to substantially  
15 simultaneously control all of the I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing  
modules; and

16 a third display portion of the graphical user interface including displayed  
17 concurrently with the first display portion, the third display portion displaying a plurality  
18 of recorder control boxes each each being adapted to control a corresponding one or more  
19 of a plurality of recorder tracks of each of the plurality of audio processing modules.

1 41. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 40, further comprising a selection device to  
2 select one of the control boxes corresponding to one of the I/O channels of the plurality of audio  
3 processing modules.

1 42. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 41, wherein the selection device is a keyboard.

1 43. (Original) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the selection device is a mouse.

1 44. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 41, wherein the interface comprises an I/O  
2 device to transmit a control command associated with the one of the control boxes selected by  
3 the selection device to audio processing modules having the selected I/O channels.

1 45. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 41, wherein the interface comprises an I/O  
2 device to transmit a global control command associated with the central control mechanism to all  
3 of the I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules.

1           46. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 40, further comprising the plurality of audio  
2 processing modules, each of which to receive the commands from the interface on its  
3 corresponding I/O channel and perform a function assigned to the command with respect to the  
4 corresponding I/O channel.

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1           47. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon data  
2 representing instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform  
3 operations comprising:

4           generating a first display portion on a display of a player/recorder system, the first  
5 display portion including a plurality of control boxes to control a corresponding one or more of a  
6 plurality of player tracks of each of a plurality of audio processing modules;

7           generating a second display portion on the display, the second display portion including a  
8 central control mechanism for simultaneously controlling all of the plurality of tracks of each of  
9 the plurality of audio processing modules; and

10           generating a third display portion displayed concurrently with the first display portion on  
11 the display, the third display portion including a plurality of recorder control boxes each to  
12 control a corresponding one or more of a plurality of recorder tracks of each of the plurality of  
13 audio processing modules.

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1           48. (Original) The medium of Claim 47, wherein the instructions further comprise  
2 instructions which, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to perform further  
3 operations comprising:

4           receiving a selection of one of the control boxes corresponding to one of the tracks; and

5           transmitting a control command associated with the one of the control boxes to an audio

6 processing module having the one of the tracks.

1           49. (Original) The medium of Claim 47, wherein the instructions further comprise  
2 instructions which, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to perform further  
3 operations comprising:

4           receiving a selection of the central control mechanism; and

5                   transmitting a global control command associated with the central control mechanism to  
6   the plurality of audio processing modules.